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Honorable Kevin Meyer
Alaska State Senate
State Capital Room 103
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Senator Meyer:

My name is Tom Wescott and I am the President of the Alaska Professional Firefighters Association. The AKPFFA represents roughly 500 firefighters from Kotzebue to Ketchikan and on behalf of these men/women I am writing you today to encourage our Alaska State Legislators to support Senate Bill 38.

Senate Bill 38 provides a onetime occupational death benefit to public safety employees who die in the line of duty. It goes without saying that no one is enthusiastic about using this type of benefit. Unfortunately, we know that occasionally those in public service are called to make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The benefit provided by SB 38 will allow families to get through the grieving process without having to worry about immediate financial matters. No one can put a price on a life but this benefit will provide a small gesture of thanks to the family of a fallen public safety officer as they began to deal with the loss of their loved one.

Once again I would ask everyone's full support of Senate Bill 38 as a way of supporting our public safety employees' family upon their passing while performing a heroic act.

Sincerely,

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